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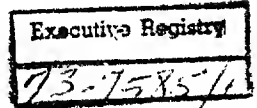
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## Congress of the United States Joint Committee on Printing

December 10, 1973



My dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of "Government Printing and Binding Regulations No. 22, including an insert of the December 6, 1973 revision to the regulations.

You are invited to forward to my attention suggestions and recommendations relative to the revision of these regulations, including any corrections needed to update the alphabetical and regional lists of department and agency operated printing plants. We are also interested in receiving suggestions which may improve the equipment lists contained in Title II.

You are requested to transmit this request to the proper officials in the field who are responsible for administrative supervision of each printing plant which operates under authorization by the Joint Committee on Printing. Responses within your department or agency should be combined into a single document prior to submission to the JCP.

Please reply not later than January 31, 1974 in order that we may schedule a conference in February 1974 for department, agency, and committee staff representatives to discuss the proposed changes.

By direction of the Joint Committee on Printing.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denver Dickerson".

Denver Dickerson  
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December 6, 1973

To: All Departments

In the Letter of Transmittal, Government Printing and Binding Regulations No. 22, December 1972, you were advised that the Joint Committee on Printing had reached the conclusion that the continued operation of each department-operated printing plant should be rejustified as a necessary preliminary to the issuance of a new plant charter.

Since that time, a limited number of such actions have been consummated. We now find, however, that the extreme impact of printing paper shortages on both in-house Federal printing production and commercially procured printing and binding has significantly affected our timetable in this rechartering program.

This determination has been affirmed by the recent completion of a Joint Committee staff field review and subsequent analysis, in depth, of the operations of the Government Printing Office Regional Printing Procurement Offices throughout the nation, together with the responses being effectuated by department and agency printing plants.

In the light of those findings, the previously announced rechartering program is herewith suspended until further notice. Despite this deferral, nevertheless, printing plants will be well advised to fulfill the Joint Committee's commercial procurement policy to the maximum practicable degree and with reasonable promptness.

### Map and Chart Printing Plants

Due to their highly specialized nature, these plants are not subject to the rechartering provisions of these regulations and they are authorized to produce multi-color flat and/or folded maps and charts without referral to GPO procurement offices.

Additionally, departments have the option to procure map and chart work directly from commercial sources, or through GPO procurement offices.

Finally, however, in-house production is limited to maps and charts, with all other supporting publications to be procured commercially unless otherwise authorized by the Joint Committee on Printing.

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This interim amendment to Government Printing and Binding Regulations No. 22 supersedes any and all provisions of those regulations, heretofore promulgated, which are inconsistent therewith, and is effective immediately.

Very truly yours,

  
HOWARD W. CANNON, Chairman

See answer dated 15 January 1974 to

Chairman  
Joint Committee on Printing  
c/o U.S. Senate Post Office  
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